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Applicant : John William Locke  
Serial No. : 09/769,841  
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**Attention: Group Director**  
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REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY OF RECORD

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requests the approval of the Commissioner to withdraw as attorney(s)/agent(s) of record.

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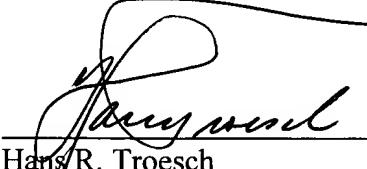
The reasons for which the permission of the Commissioner is sought for withdrawal of the attorney(s)/agent(s) of record is our client was purchased by another company, who has their own counsel.

Notice of the attorney's request to withdraw is being sent simultaneously to the applicant and the relevant papers and files will immediately be sent the applicant upon approval of the request by the Commissioner.

At least thirty days remain for the applicant to take any action due in this case or an appropriate request for extension of time accompanies this request seeking additional time. The attorney(s)/agent(s) on whose behalf this petition is filed will ensure that the applicant has sufficient time after approval of this request to reply or employ another to reply to any outstanding requirement of the Patent and Trademark Office.

Two copies of this request are filed herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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